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SUBJ: MAC CHANNEL FLIGHT TO THAILAND

SUMMARY. QUOTE BELOW IS AP STORY FILED FROM BANGKOK REGARDING RESUMPTION OF MAC FLIGHTS TO THAILAND. AP STORY IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. AS EMBASSY/JUSMAG WAS IN PROCESS PREPARING SUGGESTED PRESS RELEASE ON RESUMPTION MAC FLIGHTS TO THAILAND, FOLLOWING STORY WAS FILED BY AP CORRESPONDENT IN BANGKOK: "U.S. MILITARY PLANES SOON WILL RESUME FLIGHTS INTO THAILAND TO BRING MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR THE THAI ARMED FORCES, A THAI AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN SAID WEDNESDAY. THE FLIGHTS WERE SUSPENDED LAST JUL DURING WITH-DRAWAL OF ALL AMERICAN FORCES FROM THE COUNTRY, BUT U.S. MILITARY AID CONTINUED TO ARRIVE ON COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. RELIABLE SOURCES
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SAID THE FIRST GIANT C-141 CARGO AIRCRAFT WOULD FLY INTO BANGKOK'S DON MUANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SATURDAY FROM CLARK AIR FORCE BASE IN THE PHILIPPINES. SUCH FLIGHTS WERE REQUESTED BY THE THAI MILITARY AND WILL BE MADE ABOUT TWICE A MONTH, THE SOURCES SAID. DURING FISCAL YEAR 1977, THE UNITED STATES IS PROVIDING THAI-LAND WITH 16 MILLION DOLLARS IN MILITARY AID AND 30 MILLION DOL-LARS IN LONG-TERM CREDIT MILITARY SALES. THE SOURCES SAID THE

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COMMERCIAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS PROVED "UNSATISFACTORY" AND THE AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE NEW SET-UP. HE SAID PART OF THE SHIPMENTS WOULD INCLUDE BADLY NEEDED SPARE PARTS FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT. TO ADMINISTER ITS AID PROGRAM, THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS A JOINT U.S. MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP HERE STAFFED BY ABOUT 120 AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE INDOCHINA WAR, THE U.S. MILITARY HAD ALMOST 50,000 PERSONNEL IN THE COUNTRY, MOST OF THEM AT A STRING OF AIR FORCE BASES. UNDER A JOINT AGREEMENT LAST JULY, THE UNITED STATES ALSO CAN UTILIZE THE THAI AIR FORCE BASE AT TAKHLI, 110 MILES NORTH OF BANGKOK, TO REFUEL U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT, MOST OF THEM EN ROUTE BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE U.S. BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. SUCH FLIGHTS HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN INFREQUENT."

2. AP STORY IS ACCURATE AND COVERS ESSENTIAL POINTS. MISSION SUGGESTIONS FOR MORE DETAILED PRESS GUIDANCE BEING PROVIDED SEPTEL.
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